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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 237X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company and Salt Lake City Corporation—Abandonment
Exemption—in Salt Lake City, UT

On February 13, 2006, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and Salt Lake City Corporation jointly filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for UP to abandon its freight operating rights and rail freight service over 2.22 miles of a line of railroad between milepost 780.1 and milepost 782.32 in Salt Lake City, UT.¹ The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 84101 and 84104, and it includes no stations.

The line does not contain Federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in UP's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by June 2, 2006.

¹ UP has requested that this abandonment exemption be conditioned upon the substantial completion of certain terms in an agreement between it and Salt Lake City Corporation relating to the Board's decision in Salt Lake City Corporation—Adverse Abandonment—in Salt Lake City, UT, STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 183) (STB served Mar. 8, 2002). This condition will be addressed in the final decision in this proceeding.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than March 23, 2006. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 237X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; (2) Robert T. Opal, General Commerce Counsel, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1400 Douglas Street, Mail Stop 1580, Omaha, NE 68179; and (3) Christopher E. Bramhall, Senior City Attorney, Salt Lake City Corporation, 451 South State Street, Room 505, Salt Lake City, UT 84111. Replies to the petition are due on or before March 23, 2006.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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Decided: February 27, 2006

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary